



HEATHCOTE SEWERAGE SCHEME

Why sewerage is important

A sewerage system is a network of pipes that transports wastewater from properties to a Water Reclamation Plant for treatment and reuse. Reticulated sewerage is important for the environment and public health, ensuring wastewater is transported, maintained and treated appropriately.

This factsheet provides information about why the installation of a reticulated sewerage system is being investigated for Redleaf Close, Bennett Street and Heathcote South areas of Heathcote.

Heathcote scheme

Your local council, the City of Greater Bendigo, has developed a Domestic Wastewater Management Plan for unsewered areas within its municipality. The plan is needed to meet requirements set out by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Victorian Government.

This plan identified the above mentioned areas as high risk from a public health and environmental perspective due to existing septic and onsite wastewater management systems not containing all waste onsite.

The State Government has instructed Coliban Water to look at the options to provide sewerage services to these areas.

Why is sewerage important?

EPA regulations require all wastewater to be retained and managed appropriately on each site.

Past assessments carried out by Council have determined that properties in the

Redleaf Close, Bennett Street and Heathcote South areas are not managing all wastewater on site, posing an environmental and public health risk.

The Council has identified the properties that will need to be sewered to ensure that current regulations are met.

Next Steps

Please see over the page for a map of the areas that are proposed to be sewered.

We will consult with each land owner to assess their property and provide more information about the proposal and what it will mean for them.

We will arrange for site inspections and an information day to discuss the project with land owners.

Will vacant land be sewered?

Vacant land is not contributing to the wastewater or effluent problems in the area.

However, vacant land within the nominated service area will be included in the scheme if a sewer is available to service the property.

In this instance *The Water Act 1989* deems the property to be serviced. The land will be included in the scheme and the landowner will be required to make a financial contribution.

Vacant land will not incur an annual service fee until the property is developed.

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